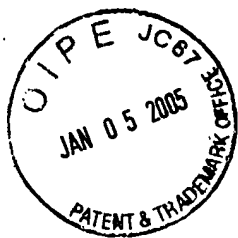


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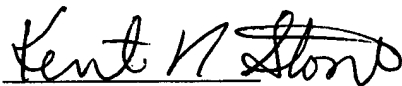
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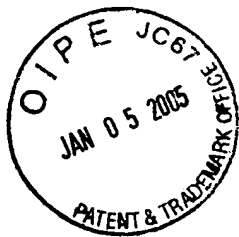


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Dear Sir:

ELECTION OF SPECIES IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

1. This is in response to the paper mailed on 12/29/2004.
2. Pursuant to paragraphs 1-2 of that paper, Applicant elects to prosecute in this application the claims designated by the Examiner as Species I, consisting of claims 24 and 25, and claims 1-23 and 33, which the Examiner deemed generic.
3. Therefore, please withdraw from consideration (or cancel **without prejudice**, in prior terminology), claims 27- 32 (the Species II, III, and IV claims).
4. Applicant reserves the right to file Divisional applications on the non-elected claims.
5. Following is a "Listing of Claims" which reflects this election.

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